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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
R. Hermann)
Serial No.: 10/606,950) Examiner: Charles H. Sam
Filed: June 18, 2003) Art Unit: 3731

For: **DRILLING TOOL FOR A SURGICAL DRILL**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2005.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the Office Action did not include a signed copy of Applicant's PTO-1449 form submitted with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on June 18, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a copy of Applicant's PTO-1449 form and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement and initial and return the enclosed PTO-1449 form with the next official correspondence.

In addition, Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary does not include an acknowledgement of Applicant's priority claim. Applicant's priority document was submitted with Applicant's Missing Parts Submission on October 31, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge Applicant's claim for priority in the next official correspondence.